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Attorney Docket No.: A-64558-1/RFT/RMS/RMK

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
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 KAYYEM et al.)
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 Serial No.: 08/873,597)
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 Filed: June 12, 1997)
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 For: AC METHODS FOR THE)
 DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS)
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office communication mailed March 16, 2000. The amendment is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time and the required fee, making this a timely response.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification in adherence with rules 37 C.F.R. § 1.821-1.825 as follows: